



#4

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/545,286
Filing Date	April 7, 2000
First Named Inventor	Sarel Kobus Jooste
Art Unit	2771
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	004344.P003

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
J	1	US- 5,999,978	12.07.1999	Angal, et al.	
	2	US- 6,026,402	02.15.2000	Vossen, et al.	
	3	US- 6,038,563	03.14.2000	Bapat, et al.	
	4	US- 6,085,191	07.04.2000	Fisher, et al.	
	5	US- 6,236,996 B1	05.22.2001	Bapat, et al.	
	6	US-			
	7	US-			
	8	US-			
	9	US-			
	10	US-			
	11	US-			
	12	US-			
	13	US-			
	14	US-			
	15	US-			
	16	US-			
	17	US-			
	18	US-			
	19	US-			
	20	US-			

RECEIVED
DEC 10 2001
Group 2100

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	21					
	22					
	23					
	24					
	25					
	26					
	27					
	28					
	29					
	30					

Examiner
Signature

[Signature]

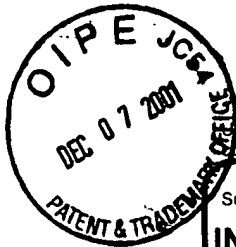
Date
Considered

3/20/04

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



#4

+

PTO/SB/08B (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/545,286
Filing Date	April 7, 2000
First Named Inventor	Sarel Kobus Jooste
Group Art Unit	2771
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	004344.P003

RECEIVED
DEC 10 2001
Group 2400**OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²
	31	PCT - International Search Report PCT/US01/10441, July 26, 2001	
	32		
	33		
	34		
	35		
	36		
	37		
	38		
	39		
	40		
	41		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

+

